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McCarthy to Push for CIA Probe

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WASHINGTON — The first piece of legislation Sen. Eugene McCarthy plans to put on the Senate majority leader's desk next January is a resolution to establish a select committee to investigate the Central Intelligence Agency.

The bill has been introduced at least three times before but "with all the publicity the CIA has been getting lately, we think this may be the year the bill will go through," a McCarthy aide said Wednesday.

McCarthy's resolution would authorize the Senate leadership to appoint a select committee to launch the first Congressional probe of the CIA. McCarthy said if the resolution fails to pass the Senate he will ask Senate Foreign Relations Chairman J. William Fulbright to hold the in-

vestigation. Fulbright has favored such an investigation in the past.

McCarthy said that he doubted whether an investigation would have any adverse effects on the CIA's intelligence activities. "We would not expect the experts to reveal the kind of information that if leaked could hurt their sources," he said.

Critics of holding an investigation have argued that Congressional examination could barely damage the agency's effectiveness.

McCarthy said he hoped an investigation would look into allegations against the CIA, such as the \$3-million Singapore caper as well as the allegations that the U.S. through the offices of the CIA is selling obsolete arms to foreign countries.

He also suggested that the committee might study the other special intelligence operations and their propaganda machines abroad.

"Theoretically the CIA was designed to combine the military, State Department and other intelligence groups, but it doesn't appear to have worked," McCarthy said.